



February 20, 2022 at 9:30 am
7th Sunday after the Epiphany



ENTRANCE

bold = in unison

***Rise in body or spirit**

Prelude

"You Raise Me Up"
Scott Clarke, soloist

by Loveland/Graham
arr. M. Hayes

Welcome

Rev. Nate Melcher

Call to Worship* (Luke 6)

Rev. Hope Hutchison

Come and learn the ways of life.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We have come to follow Jesus.

Come and learn the ways of life.

Gathering Hymn

“When the Poor Ones”

by Olivar/Manzano
trans. G. Lockwood

*Please remember that we are **not** singing as a church during in-person worship due to pandemic concerns. Thank you for your cooperation.*

When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

Centering Prayer

Holy One, Guardian of our souls, lead us into renewal. You alone know the secret places of our hearts, the shadow places where we hide from your presence. You alone understand our pride and envy, the strife we would pursue against others, our self-imposed limits of belief and faithful action. We ask for your forgiveness, that we may see you more clearly and choose the renewal of your blessings, and the glory of your mercy and grace. Hear us now in our Breakthrough Prayer...

Breakthrough Prayer

**Loving God of all, renew our hearts and minds.
Reveal your wildest dreams, break through to each of us.
Unite us in your vision, equip us for your work.
Transform us by your song, create our harmony.
May we embrace your future, and be your loving church. Amen.**

Please join your church in praying the Breakthrough Prayer daily at 8:35.

Time with Children

Sharing the Peace*

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor with a mutual sign of peace.

Lighting Our Conflux Candles

You are invited to safely light a candle or lamp to celebrate the moments this week when your life's journey met God's heart.

Celebration Music

“Lead with Love”

by Melanie DeMore

Cancel Choir

Victor Zupanc, cantor

Celebrating Our Conflux Moments

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture in Context

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38 (NRSV)

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Mercy in a Mean World”

Rev. Dana Neuhauser

“Legacy” Worship Series 3 of 4 Racial Justice Organizer,
Minnesota Annual Conference

Prayers of the People

LORD in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The LORD's Prayer

Our God, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing Our Gifts

*Your gift in-person, by mail or phone, or online at richfieldumc.org/give
supports the ministry, outreach, and operations of your church.
Thank you for your extravagant generosity.*

Offertory

“Forever Young”
Living Waters Band

by Bob Dylan

THANKSGIVING

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Gratitude

Holy One, we give because You beckon us to give. We give because You call us to be merciful. We give because you command us to love our enemies. We give because we seek be Your followers who do good and expect nothing in return. May the offering that we place upon the altar humble us so that we do not judge or condemn but offer a posture of forgiveness and love. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Sending Hymn

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

by F. Kaan/J. N. Beck

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Benediction*

...And until we meet again,
let us live in faith, justice, and joy! Amen.

Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

by L. van Beethoven

**Thank you for worshiping as Richfield United Methodist Church.
We hope you had a good experience. Worship is over. Service begins.**

Hello, guests! Welcome to worship as Richfield UMC. It's a big step to come to a new church and we're glad you're here. If you have questions, please ask any church member, and we hope you have a good experience.



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, February 20

Sunday School

Today children leave worship following the Time with Children for Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. As always, children are welcome in worship. Contact: Rev. Hope, hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

Youth Group This Wednesday, February 23

Wednesdays, 7:30pm-8:30pm in the Grace Room Join Rev. Hope, Pastor Nate, and your fellow teens and other servant volunteers for an evening of games, guest speakers, video discussion, check-in, and building community together. Contact: Rev. Hope at hhutchison@richfieldumc.org.

Next Sunday, February 27

Sunday School children leave worship following the Time with Children
Confirmation class immediately following worship in the Grace Room.

Lent Begins Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday Worship Service on March 2 at 7:00pm
In-Person, Online at youtube.com/richfieldumc and by touch tone phone: 1.888.650.5835.

Time for LIFE: Learning, Inspiration, and Fellowship for Everyone

Thursday, March 17th, 1:00-2:00 pm (note: 3rd Thursday of the month)
Program by Grace Hospice on the gift of hospice and the journey of grief.

Both in-person and online; the church bus will be available.

For in-person, please RSVP by March 15. Sign-up sheet located on the table in the commons area or contact Nurse Kay, 612-861-6086

or kbergeland@richfieldumc.org

Zoom link: Zoom Meeting ID: 813-2660-1056 Passcode: 5835 OR Call-In: 312-626-6799, then enter Meeting ID and Passcode (standard rates may apply)



Richfield UMC 2022 MCCI Breakthrough Teams

As a church, we agreed last fall to accept and act upon our MCCI Report. As we enter the new year, it's time to assemble our MCCI Breakthrough Teams, partner with MCCI Coaches, and activate these short-term 2022 teams to move boldly forward! Get a Team Sign Up sheet from an usher or go to surveymonkey.com/r/mcciteams to put your faith in action.

Ongoing and Open

1st Mondays, 1:30 pm | Women Who Read

March 7: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Richardson
Contact Fern Albertson, wfalbertson@gmail.com, to get connected.

Tuesdays, 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study

Contact Molly Reko, mollyreko@comcast.net, to get connected.

Wednesdays, 9:00 am | Men's Bible Study

In-person or contact Kent, kentjmn@gmail.com, to get connected.

Saturdays, 8:30 am | Men's Support Group

Contact Kent Johnson, kentjmn@gmail.com, to get connected.

Families with Young Children are always welcome in worship!

Here are some options to help your family have a good experience when worshipping in the Sanctuary:

The Nook - A space connected to the Sanctuary perfect for having a quiet or wiggly moment.

Art Cart - Children can fill a bag with items in The Nook to bring with them to worship with their families in the pews.

Sacred Ground - This space is temporarily closed. Please feel free to sit together as a family in the pews, or use the Nook instead.

Time with Children - Children of all ages are invited to experience a message just for them while seated with their parents/guardians.

Sunday School - Following the Time with Children, from September-May, children may worship or go to Sunday School. Meet your teachers in the Nook. There is no Sunday School on "Children First" Sundays, the 1st Sunday of the month.

Nursing Mothers - You may nurse wherever you like. There is also a reserved Nursing Room available near the Library area.

An Everyday Prayer Life Is for Everyone

May we devote time and energy to God and neighbor and pray every day for:

- Open minds and hearts for "conflux moments."
- People in need of a loving church home.
- Our church's journey toward vitality.

Prayers of Celebration: Rev. Hope Hutchison, provisional deacon, affirmed for full ordination as a deacon by the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Prayers for Healing:

Paula Milani, Marylee Fithian, Joyce Walls, Laurel Lien, Caroline Riley, Bill Hillger, Susan (SK) Johnson, and Jane Parry.

Prayers for Comfort: Maxene Schwanke and her family.

This Week's Calendar

The church office/Campus is open Tues.-Thurs., 8am-4pm.
The Church Library is open when the campus is open.

Sunday, February 20, 2022

9:30 am Worship
(+Live streamed & archived)

9:45 am Indoor Sunday School

Monday, February 21, 2022

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

9:00 am CFC Children's Church

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am CFC Soccer

6:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm Youth Group

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 24, 2022

Friday, February 25, 2022

Groth Music Scholarship Deadline at noon.

10:00 am CFC Soccer

Saturday, February 26, 2022

8:30 am Men's Group

10:30 am Saturday Covenant Group

Sunday, February 27, 2022

9:30 am Worship
(+Live streamed & archived)

9:45 am Indoor Sunday School

10:40 am Confirmation

We thank those who help make this worship a ministry of grace:

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Musicians: Paige Armstrong, Scott Clarke, Nancy Dierauer, Victor Zupanc

Liturgists: Rev. Hope Hutchison, Rev. Nate Melcher, Rev. Dana Neuhauser

Tech Crew: Rev. Bill Johnson, TY Moore, Dale Olson

Please let the church office know if you or someone from the church is hospitalized or immediately pre or post hospitalization. As care team member in-person visits are on hold, the care extended by the Parish Minister team will come in a phone call or handwritten note. The Parish Minister for the week of February 20 is Gretta Thorson.

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